



OREGON

Celebrating 175 years

HISTORIAN'S BOOKLIST

Tidal Rock on the southwest corner of 15th & Commercial streets, the McTavish gravestone at the Heritage Center, and a few artifacts there and at Columbia River Maritime Museum may be the only actual remnants of Fort Astoria which you are apt to encounter. Most of what is known about Fort Astoria is known via the printed page. Much of that is available to check out from the ASTORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The serious reader will want to read these two eye-witness accounts:

- 917.95 Franchere, Gabriel. ADVENTURE AT ASTORIA.
- 979.5 Ross, Alexander. ADVENTURES OF THE FIRST SETTLERS ON THE OREGON OR COLUMBIA RIVER; BEING A NARRATIVE OF THE EXPEDITION FITTED OUT BY JOHN JACOB ASTOR

Another account of the establishment of Fort Astoria is:

- 979.5 Irving, Washington. ASTORIA. (See note, page 4.)

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

- 970.495 Ruby, Robert. THE CHINOOK INDIANS; traders of the lower Columbia River.
- 978 American Heritage HISTORY OF THE GREAT WEST.
- 979 Speck, Gordon. NORTHWEST EXPLORATIONS.
- 979.5 Carey, Charles. GENERAL HISTORY OF OREGON THROUGH EARLY STATEHOOD.
- 979.5 Steber, Rick. WHERE ROLLS THE OREGON.
- 979.501 Cook, Warren. FLOOD TIDE OF EMPIRE; Spain and the Pacific Northwest.
- 979.546 Miller, Emma Gene. CLATSOP COUNTY.

THE FUR TRADE

- 971.2 O'Meara, Walter. THE SAVAGE COUNTRY.
- 978 Hafen, LeRoy. MOUNTAIN MEN AND FUR TRADERS OF THE FAR WEST.
- 978 Lavender, David. THE FIST IN THE WILDERNESS.
- 978 Terrell, John. FURS BY ASTOR.
- 978.02 Terrell, John. THE SIX TURNINGS: major changes in the American west, 1806-1834.

THE ASTOR FAMILY.

920 Wilk, Gerard. AMERICANS FROM GERMANY.

929.2 Cowles, Virginia. THE ASTORS.

973.009 Gates, John: THE ASTOR FAMILY.

J929.2 Kavalier, Lucy. THE ASTORS.

HISTORICAL FICTION

Allen, Merritt. EAST OF ASTORIA.

Dryden, Cecil Pearl. MR. HUNT AND THE FABULOUS
PLAN.

Gabriel, Gilbert. I, JAMES LEWIS; Tonquin's end.

Jones, Nard. SCARLET PETTICOAT. The story of
Jane Barnes--first European woman to live
on the American west coast.

OTHER READING

Listed above are books which may be borrowed from the Astoria Public Library. Browsing to the left and right of these titles, you may find other interesting books.

Books which may be read only in the library are kept in the Astoriana cabinets. You are invited to make special arrangements to read them. They are listed in the "Astoria - History" section of the card catalog.

Another rich source of information is the Oregon Historical Society quarterlies kept in the Astoriana area.

The Astoria Public Library is magnificently housed in a building named THE ASTOR LIBRARY when it was built in 1967. Partial funding came from the Astor Family of the United Kingdom, particularly from John Jacob Astor (1886 - 1971) whose son, the late Gavin Astor, represented the family at the dedication of the library.

Located on Tenth Street between Duane and Exchange, the library is open longer than any other public library in Oregon: Monday-Friday, 9 - 9; Saturday, 9 - 6; Sunday, 2 - 5 (October - April). The telephone number is 325-READ.

Note: Washington Irving was a personal friend of John Jacob Astor. Astor hired Irving to write the official version of what is said to be the only venture Astor ever lost money on. Unfortunately, Irving's notes have been lost, so historians who cannot cite his sources argue about some of the information. Nevertheless, if one can read only one book listed here, ASTORIA is our choice.

We are proud to invite you to see our first edition of Washington Irving's ASTORIA, published in 1836, exhibited with our 1814 first edition of the Lewis and Clark journal.